

## HOUSING SHORTAGE DOESN'T APPLY TO HIGH PRICE SUITES

Vacancies Enough for Those  
Who Will Pay \$5,000 to  
\$20,000 a Year Rent.

Did you know the housing shortage is a myth, that you had been scared by a "wild outcry of newspapers and politicians" and that landlords are almost weeping for tenants and thinking of hiring "pullers in" to get their empty flats filled?

Douglas P. Elliman, public service commissioner, told all about it yesterday, as reported by The Evening World, and declared:

"There is no shortage of apartments. My firm and other real estate managers have more vacancies on our list than at any other time since 1914. There never was a shortage—only the wild outcry of newspapers and politicians."

And having read this, The Evening World man hustled out early to-day to grab an apartment at a rent that would still enable him to eat at least one meal a day and wear a 1921 (30 per cent. off from last spring's prices) overcoat.

The first call was made on the firm of Pease and Elliman, Inc., of No. 340 Madison Avenue, of which Mr. Elliman's brother, Lawrence R., is a member. Mr. C. J. Jetter, a suave and courteous young salesman, showed the reporter a rack containing the names and addresses of about 350 vacant apartments, most of which, he said, could be occupied at once.

"What do you think about a fall in rentals?" the reporter asked cheerfully, just as if to make conversation.

"You can't make a landlord lower his rentals by telling him there is a general decline—you've got to show him. He's got to have trouble renting his places before he'll come down."

"From the looks of that list you've got there he's having some trouble already, isn't he?"

"You can count on the landlord holding out to the last. The first to fall will be these old buildings made over into small apartments of two and three rooms and kitchenette, for which they have been asking the most outrageous prices. The day is coming when they will be an awful burden on the market."

"What have you got there suitable for my needs?" asked the reporter.

"Here's a very nice apartment on the ground floor of No. 1000 Park Avenue. It has two baths and six rooms and you can have it at \$3,800 a year."

"Here's another at No. 158 West 125th Street on the sixth floor, with seven rooms and three baths at \$4,500. One at No. 125 East 72d Street on the eighth floor, six rooms, two baths, \$4,500. At the same address there is an apartment of six rooms and two baths on the ninth floor at \$4,800. This is a sublet, ask for Mr. Clark."

"At No. 163 East 76th Street on the second floor there are seven rooms, three baths, at \$2,500, and at No. 163 East 61st Street there is a duplex apartment with eight rooms and two baths which you can have at \$2,500—ask for Mrs. Allen."

But though the reporter was assured by Mr. Jetter that there were more vacant apartments and that landlords were reasonable, he "went further."

"The next call was at Brown, Wheelock Company, Inc., of No. 10 East 61st Street. There Mr. Terry, an enterprising, energetic young man, has charge of the rent list."

"Let me see now," said Mr. Terry cheerfully. "I'm sorry, but I don't think we have anything really cheap. But just a minute. There might be something in those cards. Here, there you are—No. 125 East 61st Street, sublet by Mrs. Tucker, \$2,500."

"Of course we've got lots of apartments for \$3,000, \$2,000, on up to \$20,000. Would you like to see them?"

"When do you think rents will come down?" asked the reporter, slightly confused.

"Well, this is the 'twelve seasons and it's hard to tell. Next May will tell a mighty interesting story, especially on those very high priced apartments. My idea is they will fall with a bang when their occupants make a rush for the \$2,500 to \$5,000 apartments. Generally speaking, that is the sort of apartment they occupied in the good old days, when landlords paid moving expenses. Yes, I think next May will tell the story."

The next call was at Worthington, Whitehouse, Inc., of No. 446 Madison Avenue. They have offices in a large old fashioned building remodelled into the "two rooms and kitchenette" straddles one sees all over town. A blond office boy was hailed.

"What rental are they asking?"

"From \$300 to \$1,500 a year. Just go right up those steps there and see them—they are nice." He indicated the door with his thumb.

They were IF you think two rooms, bath and kitchenette (two flights up worth \$1,200 a year. The inspection was cursory and when the reporter came down he passed through the office into the street without a word. The clerks seemed to expect it.

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## BANDIT LEADER SAID TO CONFESS ELEVEN HOLD-UPS

Police Say He Was Not Connected With \$600,000 Palmer Jewel Robbery.

Juan Alvarez, a nineteen-year-old Filipino, and four companions, after admitting to holdups in the Bronx, were to-day held for the Grand Jury by Magistrate Ten Eyck in the Morrisania Court. A fifth man, Albert Huybirtch, a Dutch sailor, who had been arrested with them, was discharged, as the prosecutor had no evidence against him.

A large number of persons who have been the victims of hold-ups in upper New York during the last few months were in court to seek to identify them. The police believe that the arrest of Alvarez and his associates will clear up a number of robberies.

Silvestre Rambos, who pleaded guilty to one robbery, was held in \$5,000 bail. Juan Alvarez, Crisapo Avelino and Feliciano Jalon, who admitted to two robberies, were held in \$10,000 bail each. They were locked up in the Bronx County Jail in default of bail.

It was at first supposed that the arrest of Alvarez would assist in clearing up the mystery surrounding the robbery of \$600,000 worth of jewels and other valuables from the home of Mrs. Charlotte King Palmer, No. 59 East 90th Street, a few weeks ago. Further investigation, however, convinced the police that Alvarez had no connection with that crime.

The Filipino and his companions were arrested last night following the hold-up of Lee Hong's restaurant at No. 2223 Third Avenue. The police say Alvarez, whose father is said to be a prominent official in Manila, has admitted to eleven robberies in the last three months. He and his companions always were armed, and, according to admissions made to the police, they were in the habit, when the necessity arose, of

binding and gagging their victims. Alvarez told the police he came to this country to complete his education and that he had exhausted all his funds.

Four men under indictment for participation in two Bronx hold-ups have been arrested on bench warrants charging hold-ups in poultry houses. On Nov. 27 Aaron Simon's place at No. 219 Van Ness Avenue was entered and \$272 and a gold watch taken from Simon and Rabbi Stein. Later the shop of Kalman Gross, No. 270 Longfellow Avenue, was entered, every one lined up against the wall and \$46 stolen. The prisoners are James Gerardi, No. 129 West Houston Street; Joseph Caputo, No. 176 Thompson Street; Frank Rome, No. 21 Carroll Street, and John L. Rooney, No. 243 East 14th Street.

At the request of Assistant District Attorney Edward Chapman the four prisoners were held in \$25,000 bail each by Judge Tibbels when they were arraigned in the Bronx County Court. In default of bail they were taken to jail.

Mina Rose Segel, No. 346 East Fourth Street, was awakened early to-day by a prowler in her room. She screamed and the man fled. She notified Police Headquarters and police from the Sheriff Street Station found Harry Rosenbaum, twenty-four, No. 358 East Eighth Street, crouching behind a chimney on the roof.

### NEW TUNNEL'S VENTILATION.

Experimental Work on It to Cost \$40,000 First Year.

Experimental work on the ventilation of the new vehicular tunnel under the Hudson will cost the New York and New Jersey Bridge and Tunnel Commission \$15,000 for the first year. The estimated cost will be split between the two commissions, each appropriating \$7,500. In addition the Bureau of Mines, Washington, will contribute \$25,000 the first year and \$25,000 more if the work is carried on for another year. This announcement was made yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the New Jersey Commission at its offices in the Hall of Records, Manhattan.

Commissioner John F. Byrne announced that ground would be broken on the Jersey side probably in the latter part of February.

### Convicted For False Advertisement.

Nathan Lipson, of No. 1463 Fifth Avenue, who advertised in The World on Oct. 7, offering "high wages" for young men and boys to pose for motion pictures, was convicted yesterday in the Court of Special Sessions of publishing false statements in regard to employment. He will be sentenced Jan. 21. About 750 persons answered the advertisement and were told they would have to pay \$250 each for fare to Philadelphia. The applicants became suspicious and Lipson was almost mobbed. He gave back the money.

### BOUGHT ONE DRESS IN SEVEN YEARS

That Was for Her Daughter, While She Got Only Poison, Wife Alleges.

In a petition for separate maintenance in the Jersey City Court of Chancery, Mrs. Katherine Brands of National Park Avenue alleged that her husband, Claude B. Brands, tried to give her poison when she was ill and that when she asked him for money to buy clothing, he told her he would see her "rot in the grave first." Since 1913, petitioner alleges, he bought only one dress, valued at \$5.40, for their daughter Muriel.

On one occasion, she alleges, she asked him for extra to go on a nursing mission, and when he refused and she went to his pocket to take the money, she was thrown out the door and told to go while "the going was good." Her suitcase followed her and landed in the yard beside her, she said.

Meeting of Mothers To-Night. Representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Big Brothers movement will hold a meeting to-night at the New York Training School on West 119th Street, between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, for mothers of

### ECONOMY IN N. Y. SCHOOLS

Budget to Be Trimmed to Meet Miller's Economy Policy.

ALBANY, Jan. 11.—Even the school system of the State is to follow out the programme of retrenchment outlined by Gov. Miller. It became known to-day, Frank B. Gilbert, who on Saturday becomes acting head of the Department of Education, has called a conference of school principals to discuss measures of economy in the schools.

Gilbert said his department is willing to meet the Governor half way and that the department's budget requests are now being reconsidered.

### Girl Shot Shielding Prince Will Recover.


Miss Mary Martin of No. 1626 Avenue A, who saved the life of her fiancé, John J. Burns, early yesterday by shielding him from the bullet fired by three of them in her body, was reported to-day as out of danger at the Metropolitan Hospital.

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| 5 Beaver Trim'd Hudson Seal Coats    | Formerly to 850.00  | Reduced to 450.00  |
| 2 Moleskin Wraps                     | Formerly to 1095.00 | Reduced to 450.00  |
| 3 Hudson Seal Coats                  | Formerly to 975.00  | Reduced to 475.00  |
| 4 Hudson Seal Coats and Wraps        | Formerly to 1195.00 | Reduced to 550.00  |
| 4 Skunk Trim'd Hudson Seal Coats     | Formerly to 1150.00 | Reduced to 595.00  |
| 3 Natural Squirrel Wrap Coats        | Formerly to 1350.00 | Reduced to 650.00  |
| 4 Moleskin Wraps                     | Formerly to 1250.00 | Reduced to 650.00  |
| 6 Hudson Seal Wraps                  | Formerly to 1350.00 | Reduced to 695.00  |
| 1 Trim'd Caracul Wrap (Foreign Dye)  | Formerly to 1800.00 | Reduced to 695.00  |
| 1 Natural Mink Coat (36 inch)        | Formerly to 1950.00 | Reduced to 975.00  |
| 1 Natural Mink Wrap Cape (45 inch)   | Formerly to 2975.00 | Reduced to 1095.00 |
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